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last seven games
on the road

Eagles are currently
getting

58%

of the public bets

Nick Foles is averaging

1.0

interception per game
in the six games he's
played in so far
this season

Indianapolis Colts at Kansas City Chiefs (-5.5)



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VS

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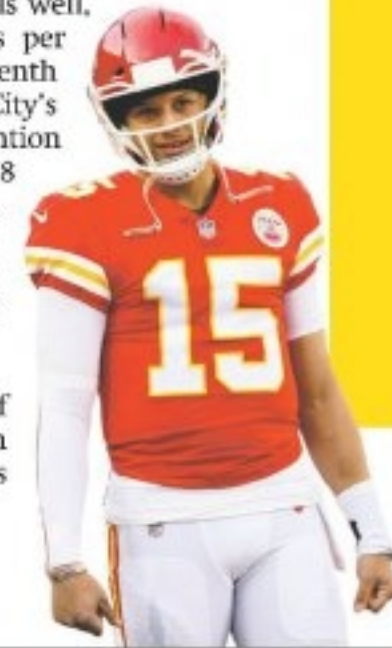
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A lot of the pre-game chatter regarding this Colts-Chiefs clash is centering on All-Pro quarterbacks Andrew Luck and Patrick Mahomes, but those expecting a 42-41 shootout could be in for a disappointment.

Indy has an underrated defense that travels well, as they've allowed fewer than 21 points per game in road contests. They're also seventh in yards per play in away games. Kansas City's stoppers have gotten a lot of negative attention this season, but they've surrendered just 18 points per game at Arrowhead Stadium. They also received the benefit of extra rest last weekend, while the Colts were forced to battle the Texans for the right to advance.

Mahomes and company, of course, will be the main reason why the Chiefs will win this game. **ROBERT CRISCIOLA**



THE PREDICTION



Chiefs win,
27-20

The play:
Chiefs -5.5

Dallas Cowboys at Los Angeles Rams (-7)



DALLAS
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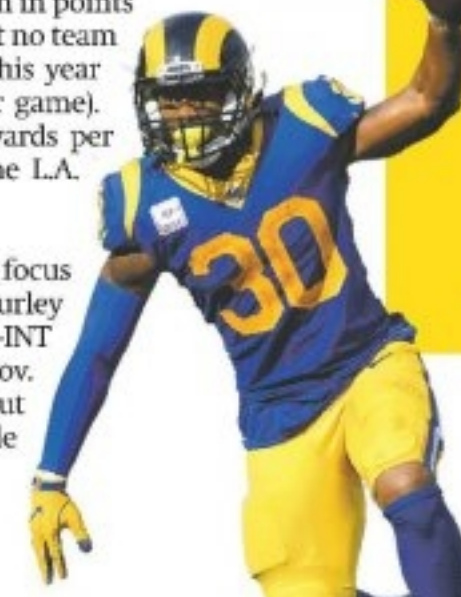
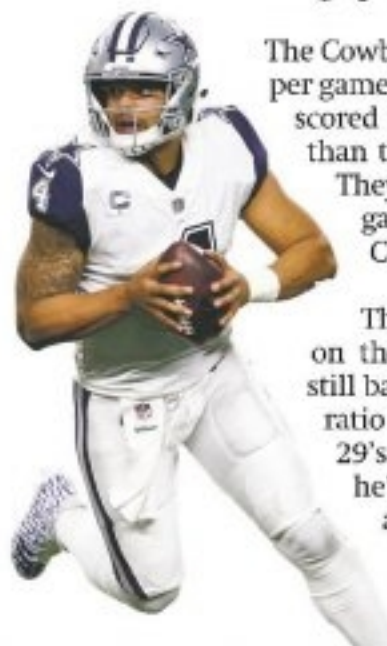
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Dallas' elite linebacking corps suffocated the Seattle Seahawks' run-heavy attack in Arlington last Saturday night, but key changes in venue and opposing personnel will make it difficult for the Cowboys to get past the Rams. However, the seven-point spread hung up by oddsmakers seems a bit too steep.

The Cowboys' defense was a solid eighth in points per game allowed this season (20.4), but no team scored more in their home games this year than the L.A. Rams (37.1 points per game). They were also tops in passing yards per game and yards per play in the L.A. Coliseum.

The Rams will more than likely focus on the aerial attack with Todd Gurley still battling a knee. Jared Goff's TD-INT ratio is an alarming 6-6 since Nov. 29's game against Kansas City, but he's been absolutely unstoppable at home. **ROBERT CRISCIOLA**



THE PREDICTION



Rams win,
23-21

The play:
Cowboys +7

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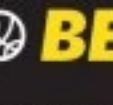
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NFC Divisional Playoffs: Eagles vs. Saints

After getting blown out by the Saints in Week 11, the Eagles are looking to return the favor on Sunday afternoon.



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The Philadelphia Eagles are looking to make their second straight appearance in the NFC Championship Game, but first, they have to get past the No. 1 seed New Orleans Saints on Sunday (4:40 p.m. ET, FOX) in the NFC Divisional Round of the playoffs.

The last time these two teams played each other, the Saints blew out the defending Super Bowl champs 48-7 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in Week 11.

In regard to this weekend's matchup, New Orleans is favored by eight points with an over/under of 50.5 points.

Last Sunday, the sixth-seed Eagles upset the third-seed Chicago Bears in the Wild Card Game thanks to Nick Foles leading a game-winning touchdown drive and Cody Parkey missing a game-winning field that was tipped by defensive tackle Treyvon Hester.

The Saints, however, ended the season, winning three of their last

five games, and are looked at as the overwhelming favorites to come out of the NFC.

Can the Eagles pull off another upset and avenge their loss to the Saints from earlier this season? Or will Drew Brees and Co. de-throne the defending Super Bowl champs?

To answer those questions and more, here are three things to watch for in this NFC playoff matchup:

1. MISTAKE-FREE FOOTBALL FROM FOLES

Even though the Eagles have won four straight games with Foles under center, he has thrown at least one interception in each of those games. In last week's Wild Card Game against the Bears, Foles threw two interceptions in the first half, including one in the end zone that killed a scoring opportunity for Philly.

Thankfully, that did not come back to haunt the Eagles as the defense did a great job of holding down the fort.

With that being said, Foles must do a better job against a New Orleans defense that has racked up 49 sacks this season and seven takeaways in the last five games. The good news for Philly's offense is that New Orleans is giving up 268.9 yards per game and allowing their opponents to convert 41.3 percent of their third-down conversions.



Can quarterback and reigning Super Bowl MVP Nick Foles lead the Eagles to another upset win on Sunday? GETTY IMAGES

2. LIMIT BIG PLAYS FROM KAMARA AND INGRAM

In their first matchup earlier this season, the Eagles defense did not do a good job of slowing down the dynamic duo of Alvin Kamara and Mark Ingram.

The Saints' running back combo combined for 174 yards and two touchdowns on the ground, with Kamara adding a 37-yard touchdown reception. If Philly wants to pull off the upset on Sunday, they cannot duplicate this same type of performance.

Therefore, Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz should deploy

the same game plan that he used against the running back combo of Jordan Howard and Tarik Cohen. The defense held them to only 35 total rushing yards and limited Cohen to three catches for 27 yards.

3. STICK WITH THE RUNNING GAME

Last Sunday, the Eagles did a great job of committing to the run game against a stout Bears defense, which was only giving up 80 yards on the ground in the regular season. While Darren Sproles and Wendell Smallwood did not rip off huge runs, they did keep the

chains moving and put the offense into favorable third-down situations.

Earlier this week, Eagles offensive coordinator Mike Groh spoke about how the running game helped the passing game.

"We've talked all season long about wanting to stay committed to the run, and we were going to do that. We feel like that's when we're at our best, when we're giving the runs opportunities, and sometimes it takes a while for the runs to open up and be impactful," he said.

"There's obviously play-action passes that are married to those runs

and they have an impact, like you said. We were able to hit some of those throws down the field and change field position and create scoring opportunities."

If the Eagles can find a good mix with Sproles, Smallwood and Josh Adams, then we should see big passing plays to Alshon Jeffery, Nelson Agholor, Zach Ertz and Dallas Goedert.

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Which QB will have biggest Divisional Round?

Find out on Pages 16-17.

WELCOME TO PHILLY

JOVAN ALFORD, SPORTS EDITOR

The Philadelphia Eagles are another step closer toward repeating as Super Bowl champs, after they defeated the Chicago Bears last Sunday. However, they have a tough test on Sunday (4:40 p.m. ET, FOX) against the No. 1 seed New Orleans Saints in the NFC Divisional Round of the playoffs.

This is the second time this season that these teams will face each other. In their first meeting, the Saints humiliated the defending Super Bowl champs, 48-7, in Week 11. Can the Eagles pull off another upset? Or will Drew Brees and Co. hold serve at home?

STATS

NICK FOLES

Nick Foles in his last four games on 3rd & 4th downs.

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Head back to the future with the hit Hulu series.

Derek Wilson talks getting weird with *Future Man* season 2

The hit sci-fi comedy returns this weekend.



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When the first season of Hulu's "Future Man" dropped in late 2017, audiences had no idea what to expect. On the one hand, co-creators Kyle Hunter and Ariel Shaffir's science-fiction romp across time with stars Josh Hutcherson, Eliza Coupe and Derek Wilson was as ridiculous as everything else executive producers Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg had ever done. On the other hand, it felt like something entirely different, and season 2 is no different.

Things are not as they seem when the premiere episode begins. Josh Futturman (Hutcherson) thinks he, Tiger (Coupe) and Wolf (Wilson) have saved future humanity from near-extinction. Unfortunately, this means that his timeline thinks he's a murderous terrorist and has sentenced him to prison accordingly. At least that's the way things appear at first.

"They were really trying to up the ante on the first season, which can be risky and even a little scary since this show is so different," says Derek Wilson, who plays the time-traveling warrior Wolf. "How do you take these characters we already know and put them in a place that should be familiar, but isn't? It's a twisty fish-out-of-water story. They're totally unfamiliar with the world of season 2 and have to renegotiate their lives all over again. Doing that, constantly trying to reinvent everything, is what makes this show challenging but fun. Kyle and Ariel somehow manage to do it."

With a laugh, the actor adds: "The table reads for the show are so fun!"

"We wanted to make sure that the second season didn't feel too much like the first. That we weren't treading over the same kind of terrain. We knew

that we wanted to set it in the future," Shaffir tells Metro.

His partner-in-crime, Hunter, adds that they "knew we wanted the next season to take place in the future. That was on our wish list before we got picked up, and then once we got picked up, we then had to wrap our heads around it, production-wise. With what amounts to a half-hour TV budget, how you can actually create a future? It can't be like all white and clean. It's gotta be dirty."

"No flying cars, either," jokes Shaffir.

Luckily, as Wilson puts it, his character Wolf is highly "adaptable" in the face of the many changes that Shaffir, Hunter and the other writers have tossed his way. So, too, are Hutcherson and Coupe's characters, albeit with varying degrees of success.

"If he's uncomfortable in a particular moment, just give him a couple minutes to study up and he'll find a way to assimilate," the actor explains. "It's not to say that he isn't challenged, because he is, but he finds love in places that you wouldn't expect this season. I really love that. And it's all about surprising the audience by surprising these characters and making them adapt to their new situation. They all have to find ways to become comfortable within it."

"We really leaned into the strange this season," Shaffir admits. "But these actors make our jobs easy because they are so trusting of the process. There's so many special effects and big concepts to deal with. Plus, we shot a lot of things out of order, so they really had to trust that we were going to make this new season work. That we would be able to put all the pieces together."

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"True Detective" returns on Sunday. HBO

What to watch on TV this weekend

From the return of "True Detective" to "Victoria," here's what you should tune into.
ANDREW HUSBAND

After the first full week of the new year sported a sizable mix of new shows and returning favorites, the winter TV season is gearing up for business as usual. That means we're in for the never-ending deluge of "Peak TV" thanks to broadcast, cable and premium networks, streaming giants like Netflix, and hopeful upstarts like Facebook Watch. From the third season of HBO's "True Detective" to the return of the PBS period drama "Victoria," here's what to watch on TV this weekend.

24th Annual Critics' Choice Awards, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. on The CW

Now that the Golden Globes are over, the 2019 awards season is about to kick into high gear. The Grammys telecast is in early February, while the still-hostless Oscars are slated for March. Until then, audiences can treat themselves to the far less serious Critics' Choice Awards this Sunday on The CW. Blockbuster films like

"Black Panther" and "A Star Is Born" are on the docket, as are fantastic TV shows like "The Americans" and "Escape at Dannemora."

"True Detective," Jan. 13 at 9 p.m. on HBO
On the heels of a lackluster second season that disappointed critics and audiences alike, Nic Pizzolatto's HBO anthology series "True Detective" returns Sunday at 9 p.m. with two back-to-back



"Victoria" is back for season 3. PBS

new episodes. This time around, the cerebral police procedural follows Det. Wayne Hays (Mahershala Ali) as he reflects on a decades-old child abduction case that went wrong in every possible way. Stephen Dorff and Carmen Ejogo also star in the popular thriller's latest

story.

"Victoria," Jan. 13 at 9 p.m. on PBS
After two seasons that aired in 2016 and 2017, first in the United Kingdom and then in the United States, the period piece drama "Victoria" is back for season 3. Created by Daisy Goodwin and starring "Doctor Who" alum Jenna Coleman as the titular queen, "Victoria" also features Tom Hughes as Prince Albert and a who's who of British acting royalty and newcomers. The premiere episode, "Uneasy Lies the Head That Wears the Crown," airs Sunday at 9 p.m. on PBS.

"Valley of the Boom," Jan. 13 at 9 p.m. on National Geographic
With "Mars," National Geographic put its mark on the TV map with a docudrama series combining documentary interview with scripted drama segments. The cable channel hopes to do the same with its latest, "Valley of the Boom," which homes in on the 1990s tech boom in and around Silicon Valley. "West Wing" alum Bradley Whitford and "New Girl" alum Lamorne Morris lead the cast.

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Kevin Hart finds ‘The Upside’ of going dramatic

The comedian and director Neil Burger open up about their new film.

GREGORY WAKEMAN

When Kevin Hart was first approached about “The Upside,” he saw it as a chance to explore another side to his talents.

While his character Dell still has a sense of humor and mischievous spark as the unlikely caregiver to the billionaire quadriplegic Phillip, played by Bryan Cranston, the comedian and actor also had to explore more dramatic and emotional territory than he is accustomed to.

“It is a switch,” Kevin Hart admits to Metro. “A nice little change of



gears to sneakily take my fanbase in the direction that they didn’t know that I was capable of going in.

“It is not to say this

is who I am or that this is what I am going to do all the time. This is a glimpse of what you are going to see more of as time goes on. I am just baby-stepping people into it.”

Surprisingly, “The Upside” director Neil Burger originally wasn’t convinced that Hart was right for the film.

“When they first mentioned Kevin Hart, I was a little bit like, ‘Oh, really?’” says Burger. “I went and looked back at his comedy and what I realized was that he is a storyteller. Which I



knew was integral to tell a drama.

“Then when I met him, I immediately knew he was so committed to the dramatic possibilities. And to doing something different. And to playing a character who is based on a real human being, and to playing it in a real human way.”

While Hart was stepping out of his comfort zone for this remake of

the critically acclaimed 2011 French comedy-drama “The Intouchables,” the fact that “The Upside” was shot in his home town of Philadelphia meant he couldn’t have been in safer surroundings. Crowds even gathered to watch Hart shoot scenes in Kensington.

“This is the first time I have actually shot in Philadelphia. It was

amazing to go home,” says Hart. “Shooting some days was tough. We had people lined up on the streets.

“We’d be in the middle of a take and then you’d hear, ‘Yo Kev! Yo Kev Hart, what the f—k is up, man! You better say what’s up, man! Your little a—! You better turn around and say, “Hi!” You better! You shut this s—t down out here,

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Ultimately, though, Hart believes that "The Upside" has added yet another string to his increasingly expanding bow.

"The good thing about this is that, at this point in my career, stumbling upon this road and saying, 'Wow. I can go down this road. And I can do a lot of cool

things.' It is something that is exciting.

"It adds a boost to the career. I have another

door that I can go through and it has opened up and it makes me think I can attack a film like this at the highest level possible. I am constantly thinking, 'How can I gain success here? How can I make the résumé more impressive?'"

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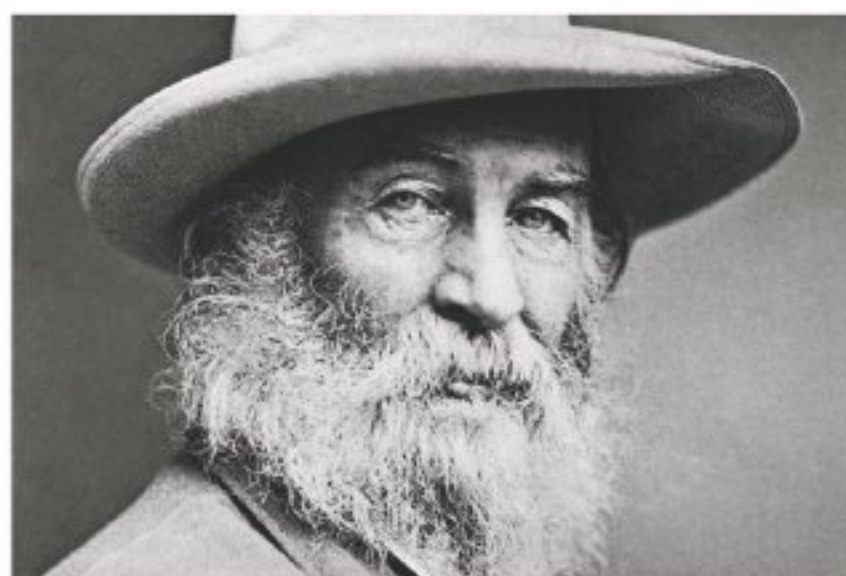
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Cancer You'll be drawn to someone or something unusual. Study all the possibilities and consider how best to fit into something you want to be a part of. A partnership looks inviting.



Leo Focus on activities that require strength, agility and determination. Participation will lead to a new friendship with someone who will alter your life. Romance is in the stars.



Virgo Get involved in something that makes you feel good. Lend a helping hand, organize an event that includes loved ones or make a point to learn something new.



Libra Don't let someone's criticism get you down. Look at your attributes and build on what you know you do well and what you enjoy doing. Live life your way.



Scorpio A gathering with the people you know and love will lead to interesting discussions that will clear up some of the questions you have about your lineage. A new beginning is within reach.



Sagittarius Don't believe everything you hear. An emotional situation will escalate and cause a problem with a loved one. Don't let someone from your past disrupt your life.



Capricorn Determination and discipline will be required. Say no to anyone trying to manipulate or coerce you into doing things that aren't in your best interest. Surround yourself with responsible people.



Aquarius Follow through with a lead someone gives you. A chance to make a professional change will spark your interest. Discuss your intentions with a loved one. Sharing will lead to romance.



Pisces Don't let confusion set in and override your common sense when it comes to personal matters. Someone will not be who he or she appears to be.

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NEWS



Dogs kenneled at ACCT Philly's shelter. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

City Controller alleges financial mismanagement at ACCT Philly

The City Controller's audit of the city-contracted Animal Care and Control Team of Philadelphia alleges waste and mismanagement.

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Taking care of the stray animals of Philadelphia is a hard job. But leaders and staff at Animal Care and Control Team of Philadelphia (ACCT Philly), the city's contracted animal shelter, cut corners, inappropriately moved money around and let thousands of dollars slip through the cracks, according to an audit by City Controller Rebecca Rhynhart's office.

"The waste and mismanagement of funds in this case is troubling," Rhynhart said in a statement of her office's audit of ACCT Philly. "My goal is to make government run effectively and efficiently, and it's clear that ACCT is not meeting the standards of its contract with MDO [the Managing Director's Office] or its requirements for the Petco Foundation grant. ... It's my hope that this review serves as a wake-up call, and that moving forward, ACCT will be better stewards of taxpayer and external funds."

While the audit didn't find evidence of fraud, Rhynhart said they uncovered numerous improprieties, specifically in reference to a \$1 million Petco Foundation grant to open

a new adoption shelter, which Rhynhart's office was originally tipped off by a member of the public to investigate. Rhynhart also accused the city's Office of the Managing Director of letting several improprieties go on unhindered.

ACCT referred requests for comment to Philadelphia city government, which includes the Managing Director's Office. On Thursday a city spokeswoman said via email they "have not had an opportunity to fully review the report of the audit. We are taking the findings of this report very seriously and we are reviewing the report now."

Former ACCT Philly Executive Director Vince Medley resigned on April 13, 2018, 10 days after the Controller's Office first requested records from ACCT Philly.

During his tenure in charge, Medley was the subject of heavy online and social media criticism from mostly-anonymous animal lovers who questioned his leadership of the organization, including requiring ACCT's managers to sign a loyalty oath.

Rhynhart's audit states that in early 2017, Medley offered a senior-level position of marketing and development director to a woman from Texas, where he had formerly resided, even as he implemented a "hiring freeze and other cost-cutting measures," without telling ACCT's board. Medley later cut the unnamed woman a check for \$4,000 in "moving expenses," but she never showed up for the job, and never re-

turned the funds, Rhynhart's office found.

"ACCT did not attempt to seek reimbursement until after the Controller's Office began inquiring into its operations," Rhynhart's report states — first requesting the return of the funds in May 2018. "When questioned about the expenses in the course of this review, a representative from the MDO stated that they did not believe that \$4,000 was such a large expense."

Medley himself received \$7,000 in relocation expenses after he took on the role of executive director in November 2015, eight months after ACCT Philly was awarded the \$1 million grant from Petco.

ACCT Philly has not yet built the adoption center, but currently has funds in its reserve account equal to the amount of the Petco grant allotted for the adoption center, Rhynhart found, so no net loss, fraud or theft was reported. But she also found the terms of the grant were violated — with full knowledge of supervisors at the Managing Director's Office — by the grant monies being deposited into the operating funds and used for costs like payroll.

"MDO, which is charged with oversight of ACCT under contract, knew about the misuse and mismanagement of the grant funds," Rhynhart's office claimed. "Both the MDO and ACCT implied that ACCT had an operational shortfall that required ACCT to violate the terms of the grant and use the funding for operational costs, including

payroll."

"We note that ACCT Philly is one of the most underfunded large municipal organizations as compared to their peers, with others having budgets three times or more than that of ACCT Philly," Petco Foundation president Susanne Kogut said via email.

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Trump eyes emergency powers to pay for border wall, end shutdown

President Donald Trump on Thursday threatened to use emergency powers to bypass Congress and get billions of dollars to pay for a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, as a partial U.S. government shutdown over the issue stretched into its 20th day.

As he departed Washington for a trip to the Texas border with Mexico for wall-related events, Trump attacked the Democratic congressional leaders, who oppose his wall-funding demand, as less "honorable" than China, a rival power.

"I find China, frankly, in many ways to be far more honorable than crying Chuck and Nancy. I really do. I think that China is actually much easier to deal with than the opposition party," Trump said, referring to House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer.

Trump is insisting that a government funding bill to end the shutdown must include \$5.7 billion for a border barrier — his signature campaign promise. The standoff has left a quarter of the federal government closed down and hundreds of thousands of federal employees without pay.

A day after he stormed out of a meeting with Pelosi, Schumer and other



President Donald Trump holds up a belt buckle given to him by Monty Awbrey (R), border community rancher, as he speaks during his visit to U.S. Border Patrol McAllen Station in McAllen, Texas, on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

Democratic leaders that was aimed at finding a deal to end the funding standoff, Trump headed to McAllen, Texas, on the Mexican border to highlight what he has argued is a crisis.

After the meeting, Schumer accused the Republican president of "temper tantrum" tactics and Pelosi called Trump "petulant."

Trump said his lawyers had told him he had the power to invoke national emergency powers to get his wall funded, a course of action that Democrats have said may be illegal.

"I have the absolute right to declare a national emergency," Trump told reporters as he left the

White House. "I'm not prepared to do that yet, but if I have to, I will."

'ALMOST SAY DEFINITELY'

If Congress fails to bend on the border wall funding, Trump said he probably would declare an emergency. "I would almost say definitely," he said.

The declaration would circumvent Congress' power over the national purse strings, giving Trump the ability to redirect money from the Department of Defense to his proposed wall.

Such a step likely would prompt an immediate legal challenge over constitutional pow-

ers from congressional Democrats. A subsequent court fight could be protracted, making room for

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President Trump

the shutdown to be ended in the interim. The final outcome would then be

left up to judges, not the president and Congress.

Even some Republicans who want to build a wall have said they do not want money to be taken from the military for it and others see it as an overreach of executive powers.

There were no signals of a deal with Congress on Thursday. Pelosi told reporters Trump keeps "increasing the obstacles to finding a solution" to the shutdown.

"He loves the distraction that this is from his other problems," she said at a briefing.

Pressure on both sides could intensify on Friday when about 800,000 federal employees — including border patrol agents and airport security screeners — miss their first paychecks.

About half of the workers who are deemed essential to national security — people such as border patrol agents, prison guards and airport employees — are working without pay. Others are staying home on furlough.

At the FBI, about 5,000 staff were furloughed, while the rest of the 13,000-member workforce continued on the job without pay, said Tom O'Connor, president of the FBI Agents Association.

Agents are concerned that operational funds the bureau needs to conduct investigations, including sensitive undercover operations, are beginning to dry up.

SHUTDOWN NEARING A RECORD

The lack of paychecks also could threaten the financial security of FBI personnel and conceivably raise questions about their security clearances, O'Connor said.

The shutdown, which began on Dec. 22, will be the longest in U.S. history if it is still under way on Saturday.

On Thursday, Trump planned to tour a border patrol station in McAllen, Texas, and get a briefing on border security at the Rio Grande River that separates the state from Mexico.

Trump says undocumented immigrants and illegal drugs are streaming across the border from Mexico, despite statistics that show illegal immigration there is at a 20-year low and that many drug shipments likely are smuggled through legal ports of entry.

Democrats accuse Trump of using fear tactics and spreading misinformation to fulfill a 2016 campaign promise as he looks toward his race for re-election in 2020. REUTERS

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ANALYSIS

TOM FOREMAN



Hundreds of federal workers and contractors rally against the partial federal government shutdown outside the headquarters of the AFL-CIO. GETTY IMAGES

President Trump has now presided over a government shutdown which, if it does not rapidly conclude, will soon pass the long-standing record of 21 days. But if you think having hundreds of thousands of government workers drink-

ing coffee and playing "Fortnite" is saving you money, brace yourself. They will eventually get paid.

And the bill is going to be a whopper.

In a government study of a 16-day shutdown under President Obama, researchers found the entire

compensation package for all those people sitting at home was 2.5 billion tax dollars. That's \$156 million a day for nothing.

Here is another way of considering that. Forbes reported a few years ago that if you made \$100,000 a year for your entire

career, and worked 40 years, your lifetime federal tax bill could be around \$1.4 million. (I know this math is all fungible, but stick with me.)

That means, every federal tax dollar you would ever pay in your lifetime would not make a dent in the

current tab for this shutdown. And you'd need to labor close to 1,800 years to pay it off. All that work, all those taxes, again — for nothing.

What else could be done with 2.5 billion tax dollars? You could hire more than 1,400 teachers and

pay them for 30 years. Or build 94 schools. Or you could put more than 1,300 cops on patrol for three decades. Or you might pay for the operation of about 6,700 mobile health clinics, rolling across the countryside to serve poor and distant communities. Heck, you could even build a fair portion of Trump's wall for that kind of money, even though polls show most Americans don't want it.

Instead, taxpayers will get nothing. And mind you, we're not even talking about all the money lost in uncollected fees, unprocessed payments, and so on.

Trump laid early claim to the shutdown. Now he and his Republicans are saying it's all the Democrats' fault. Blame whom you wish. But every day it costs more and more and more. And you are getting the bill.

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PUBLIC STORAGE # 24417, 6301 Tacony Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135, (215) 309-8025
1/22/19 @ 12pm

A007 - Lewis, William; A039 - Rowley, Donnamarie; A109 - Corbin, Tamika; B151 - Barnhart, Steven; B189 - Hammond, Christina; B190 - Bean, Bridget; C251 - Barr, Bryheem; C346 - Zagami, David; D371 - Mars Jr, Thomas; D445 - Holzhshu, Christopher

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1/23/19 @ 10am

135B - Rice, Jacquelyne; 3004 - Briscoe, Dashauna

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1/23/19 @ 11am

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A102 - McDonald, Andrew; A314 - Smith, Audrey; A422 - Cole, Porsche; A504 - Corley, Salena; A621 - Stinson, Donald; A625 - Jones Jr, Timothy L; A632 - Ellner, Matt; A715 - Umeajika, Obioma; B1018 - Evans, Latasha; B1028 - Headen, Motrell; B3016 - Moore, Devon; B4005 - Taylor, Samira; B4014 - Powe, William; B4019 - McCoy, Angelique; C9014 - Beaver, Kimberly; C9030 - Henning, Tiffany

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PUBLIC STORAGE # 23102, 2025 Chemical Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462, (484) 408-0906
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B058 - AMAOUCHE, Brietta; D171 - Paquin, Michael; E302 - Keefer, Lori; F357 - Christoph, Robert

PUBLIC STORAGE # 21808, 7571 Ridge Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19128, (215) 309-8006
January 24, 2019 Time: 11:30 AM

C009 - Thompson, Martin; D006 - Dolchan, Mike; D035 - Stanish, Shannon; D134 - Aiello, Robert; D157 - Wynn, Daniel; D227 - Johnson, Walter; D235 - Fields, Christopher; D238 - Alston, Marie; D253 - Terrell, Chanel; E002 - Hamilton, Aaron; E066 - Furdin, Patricia; E103 - Stowers, Alfreda; E189 - Gallagher, Erika

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MetroBet takes a look at how each of the eight remaining quarterbacks will perform this weekend.



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With the Wild Card Round of the NFL playoffs in the rearview mirror, it is time to look forward to the Divisional Round, which features a talented group of quarterbacks (Drew Brees, Jared Goff, Patrick Mahomes) who can put yards in the blink of an eye.

Furthermore, most of these quarterbacks will have favorable matchups this weekend that can be exploited. Which of these quarterbacks will have the most passing yards by the end of Sunday?

After all, we are looking at a weekend packed to the brim with a slew of Pro-Bowl passers, to the point where we may have never seen a Divisional Round filled with this many prolific arms.

It is tough to tell, considering there are some pretty vaunted defenses lining up opposite these guys, but here at Metro, we will rank all eight quarterbacks in the second round of the postseason with the help of prop bets from Oddsshark.com. If you want more betting information and advice for the NFL playoffs, be sure to check out MetroBet.us.



1
PATRICK MAHOMES: +250
PROJECTED YARDS: 330

It is hard to not pick against Mahomes, who has thrown for 50 touchdowns and 5,097 yards this season for the Kansas City Chiefs. He is also averaging 318.6 passing yards per game, which is the highest among all the playoff quarterbacks.



2
ANDREW LUCK: +300
PROJECTED YARDS: 300

While Mahomes should put up some yards on Indy's defense, expect Luck to do the same thing to the Chiefs' defense. They are giving up 273.4 passing yards per game, which is the worst of all the playoff teams. Luck is averaging 291 yards in his last five games.



3
DREW BREES: +500
PROJECTED YARDS: 300

The first time Brees played the Eagles, in Week 11, he put up 363 passing yards, his third-best passing game of the season. While he might not go over 350 yards on Sunday, expect the veteran gunslinger to at least hit 300.



4
NICK FOLES: +550
PROJECTED YARDS: 290

Since he has taken over at quarterback, Foles has been slinging the football around the field. The reigning Super Bowl MVP is averaging 307 yards per game in his last four contests and taking on a Saints defense that will give up some yards (268.9).

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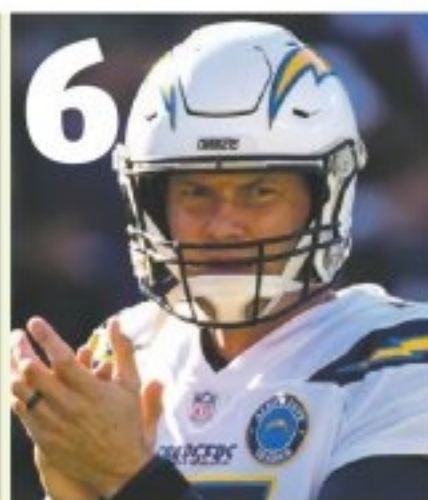


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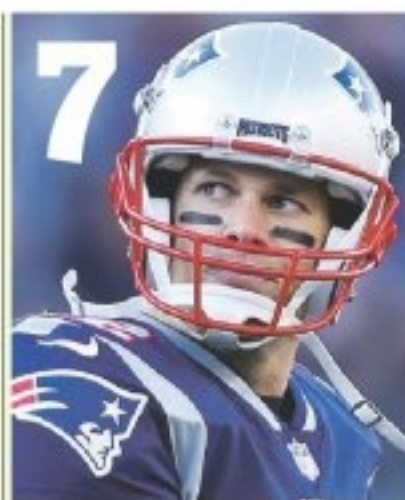
JARED GOFF:
+450
PROJECTED
YARDS: 250

Goff, who is averaging 293.0 ypg this season, will be trying to create some big plays through the air against a stingy Dallas defense (234.7 ypg).



PHILIP RIVERS:
+550
PROJECTED
YARDS: 200

After a pedestrian 160-yard outing against Baltimore last weekend, Rivers is facing a Patriots defense that is giving up 246.4 per game and 195.2 yards in their last five.



TOM BRADY:
+500
PROJECTED:
200

Lamar Jackson had trouble passing against this defense last weekend. Expect Brady to do the same with a lackluster receiver core.



DAK PRESCOTT: +2200
PROJECTED: 190

Prescott had a modest performance against the Seattle Seahawks (226 yards) last weekend, which will not get easier against a tough Rams defense. Dallas will lean on running back Ezekiel Elliott a lot.

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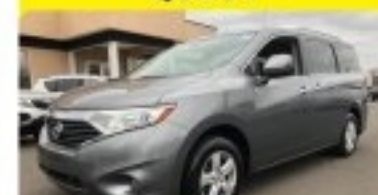
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Foles' time with Birds running out

While he looks to shock the NFL once again, Nick Foles is poised for a big contract playing elsewhere next year.



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While the Philadelphia Eagles are focused on the possibility of backup quarterback Nick Foles delivering another magical Super Bowl run, the fact of the matter is that time is running out for the 30-year-old quarterback in the City of Brotherly Love.

As soon as the Eagles' season ends — whether that be on Sunday in the Divisional Round against the New Orleans Saints, or in Atlanta during Super Bowl LIII — the offseason of Foles will officially commence.

When Foles re-signed with the Eagles following his Super Bowl MVP performance that delivered the franchise with its first modern-day NFL title, a mutual option was drawn up for a possible second year of his deal in 2019.

Should the Eagles



Could Nick Foles' final contribution to the Eagles be another Super Bowl? GETTY IMAGES

choose to pick the option up, Foles would have to agree to it, and thus earn \$20 million next season. With Carson Wentz still planted as the franchise quarterback, this would allow the Eagles to trade Foles to whoever offers the highest return.

That likely is not going to happen.

Instead, Foles can pay back \$2 million of his signing bonus after this season, decline the option and become an

unrestricted free agent.

It allows Wentz's backup to not only find the greenest pasture in which to become another franchise's starting quarterback, but also opens up the possibility of a major payday — far more than \$20 million for one year.

There won't be a shortage of suitors gunning for his signature, either.

With a lackluster crop of quarterbacks set to come out in the 2019

NFL Draft, which will be headlined by Ohio State's Dwayne Haskins and Missouri's Drew Lock, passer-needy teams will be scouring the market for No. 1 options under center.

Among those is expected to be the New York Giants and Jacksonville Jaguars, as the futures of Eli Manning and Blake Bortles respectively are in serious doubt. They could be joined by the Oakland Raiders, who are toying

with the idea of moving on from Derek Carr, and possibly even the Tampa Bay Buccaneers should management deem Jameis Winston unfit to lead the organization.

It's easy to see why Foles is poised for such a big offseason, proving that he is a big-game QB.

Not only has he outduelled Tom Brady and the New England Patriots on one of the largest sporting stages in the world, but he resur-

rected the Eagles' dim playoff hopes, went 3-0 down the stretch to nab a Wild Card spot, and then beat one of the league's best defenses in the Chicago Bears.

He's 7-2 in his last nine regular-season starts and now 4-0 in the playoffs since last year.

So enjoy this playoff run now, Eagles fans. Because the best post-season quarterback in franchise history is probably going to walk once the season ends.

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4 Go separate ways

9 Hair color

13 Street uprising

15 Largest city in Egypt

16 In a __; furious

17 Unkind remark

18 Bit of gossip

19 Microwave, e.g.

20 Amphetamine

22 “__ of the d’Urbervilles”

23 Blood analysis sites

24 Word attached to meal or cake

26 Come __; find

29 Cozy Alpine inn

34 Giggle or guffaw

35 Cheese variety

36 Stockings mishap

37 Military force

38 “Good things come to __ who wait”

39 Empty space

40 Clean the floor

41 Portals

42 Sugar __; Vermont’s state

- tree

43 Made blurry

45 Awakened

46 That girl

47 Saw or hammer

48 Pesky insect

51 “Some __ Evening”; song from “South Pacific”

56 Equipment

57 Approaches

58 Leave a room

60 Hurt

61 Fortune-teller’s deck

62 Knighted woman

63 Holiday and Hampton

64 Goulashes

65 “Cry __ River”
- DOWN
- 1 Yrbk. section

2 Essential __; aromatherapist’s bottles

3 Boxing match

4 Operating room attire

5 Simon & Newman

6 Peru’s capital

7 Press clothing

8 Land turtle

9 Cavellike recess

10 __ about; praise highly

11 Eras

12 Strong urges

14 Three-book series

21 Loretta Swit sitcom

25 Jolson & Roker

26 Rental car agency

27 Chocolate-like pod

28 Fannies

29 Knight’s weapon

30 Sign of affection

31 Word attached to rain or gum

32 Deceit; duplicity

33 Concluded

35 Loafer or moccasin

38 Violent streams of water

39 Jumped high, using a pole

41 Appropriate

42 Night light

44 Bracelet dangles

45 Cuts of beef

47 Fling

48 E’s followers

49 Containing little fat

50 Deserve; merit

52 __ as a pin

53 Concern

54 Test

55 U.S. coin

59 Drink served hot or cold

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There are a slew of conflicting trends in Sunday afternoon's Chargers-Patriots matchup that make it arguably the toughest of the four playoff games to predict this weekend.

L.A. hasn't lost outside the state of California this season, going 8-1 straight-up and against the spread. That includes their 23-17 victory in Baltimore last Sunday that shouldn't have even been that close. Philip Rivers has never been to a Super Bowl, but it's worth noting that his team is 5-1 against the spread in road play-off games with the NC State product under center.

However, New England is 12-3 against the spread in their last 15 games as home favorites (per oddsshark.com) and hasn't lost a playoff game at Gillette Stadium since 2013.

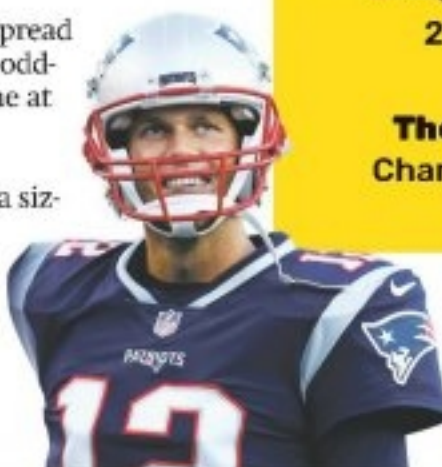
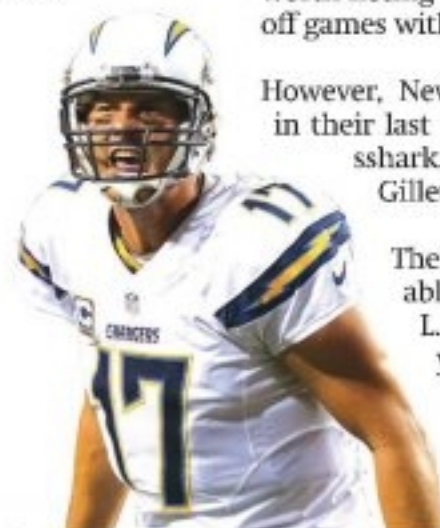
The Chargers offense appears to have a sizeable edge over the Patriots defense. L.A. was fifth in yards per play this year, while New England was 21st. **ROBERT CRISCIOLA**

THE PREDICTION



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27-24

The play:
Chargers +4



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Saints quarterback Drew Brees has had an MVP-level season overall but things have changed since he lit up the Eagles to the tune of 363 yards and four touchdowns in mid-November. In the five games Brees has played since the blowout in New Orleans, he averaged just 205.6 yards passing and had an average quarterback rating of 89.34.

There is a train of thought that Brees now wears down in December and January. The 39-year-old was also iffy in January last year as he completed just 25-of-40 passes for 294 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions in that dramatic loss to the Vikings. He finished that game with a pedestrian 89.0 passer rating.

The Eagles defense is also starting to click again at the right time. They held the high-powered Rams to just 23 points on Dec. 16, shut out the Redskins in Week 17 and held the Bears to just 15 points at home last weekend. **MATT BURKE**

THE PREDICTION



Eagles win,
28-24

The play:
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